

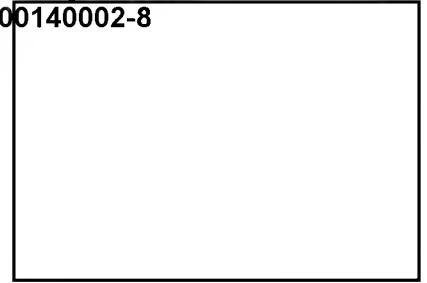


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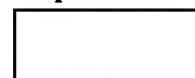


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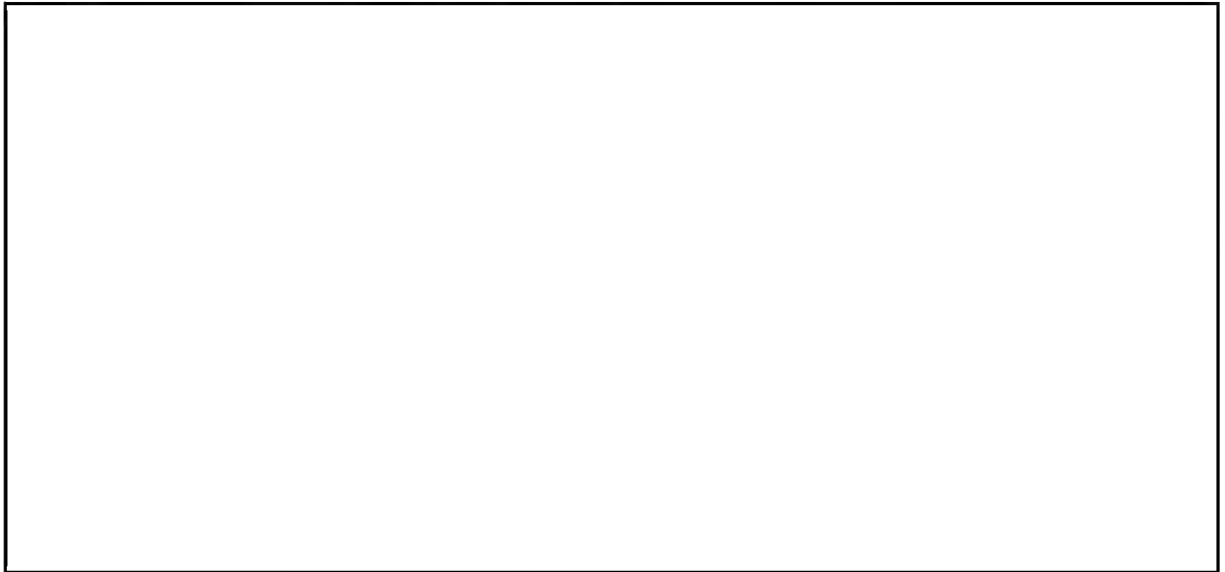
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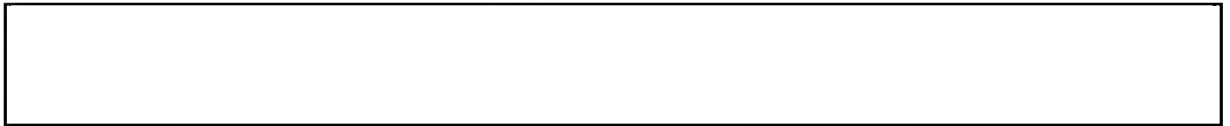
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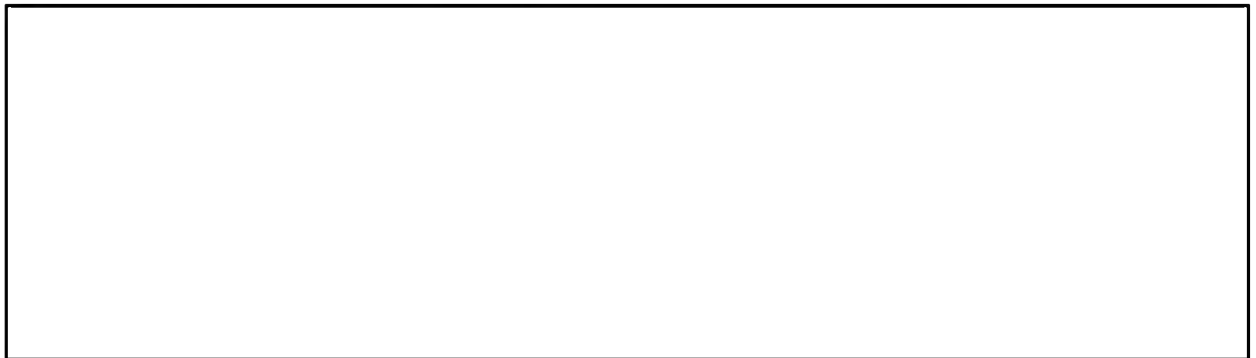
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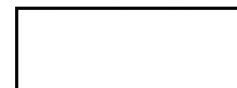
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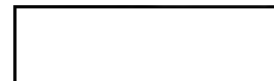
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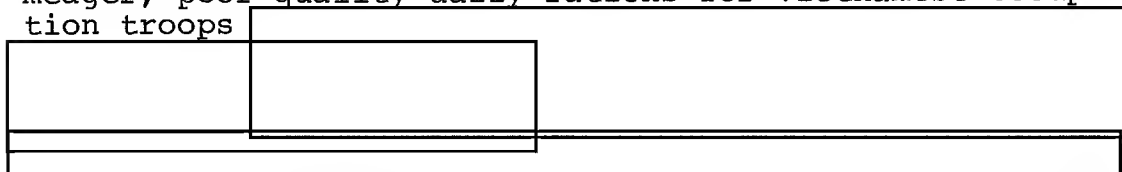


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KAMPUCHEA: Food Shortages

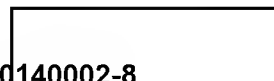
Kampuchea may be facing serious food shortages. Recent reporting suggests the regime installed by the Vietnamese may be hard-pressed to provide enough food to feed both Kampucheans and the Vietnamese occupation troops.

Various sources, including radio broadcasts, mention food shortages. A Phnom Penh broadcast on 22 February said the amount of available rice is "negligible," admonished people not to eat seed rice or to kill animals "indiscriminately," and urged cultivation of short-term crops "to prevent famine." Other reporting tells of meager, poor quality daily rations for Vietnamese occupation troops



Kampuchean rice stocks were reduced by severe flooding last year. The Vietnamese invasion disrupted harvesting in December and January, and advancing Vietnamese troops found little stored rice. Retreating Pol Pot forces had removed much of it to secure bases.

The government in Phnom Penh is taking some unpopular measures to cope with the food problem. Military units are enforcing the decision not to implement an early pledge to allow displaced Kampucheans to return to their home villages, and people are being told to concentrate on increasing food production, especially rice. The next rice crop is not normally planted until April, however, and in the meantime planting of short-term non-rice crops--corn, beans, and sweet potatoes--is being encouraged. These crops should begin to mature in June; until then, Kampuchea may be forced to seek food elsewhere.



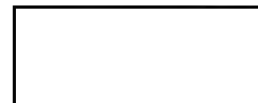
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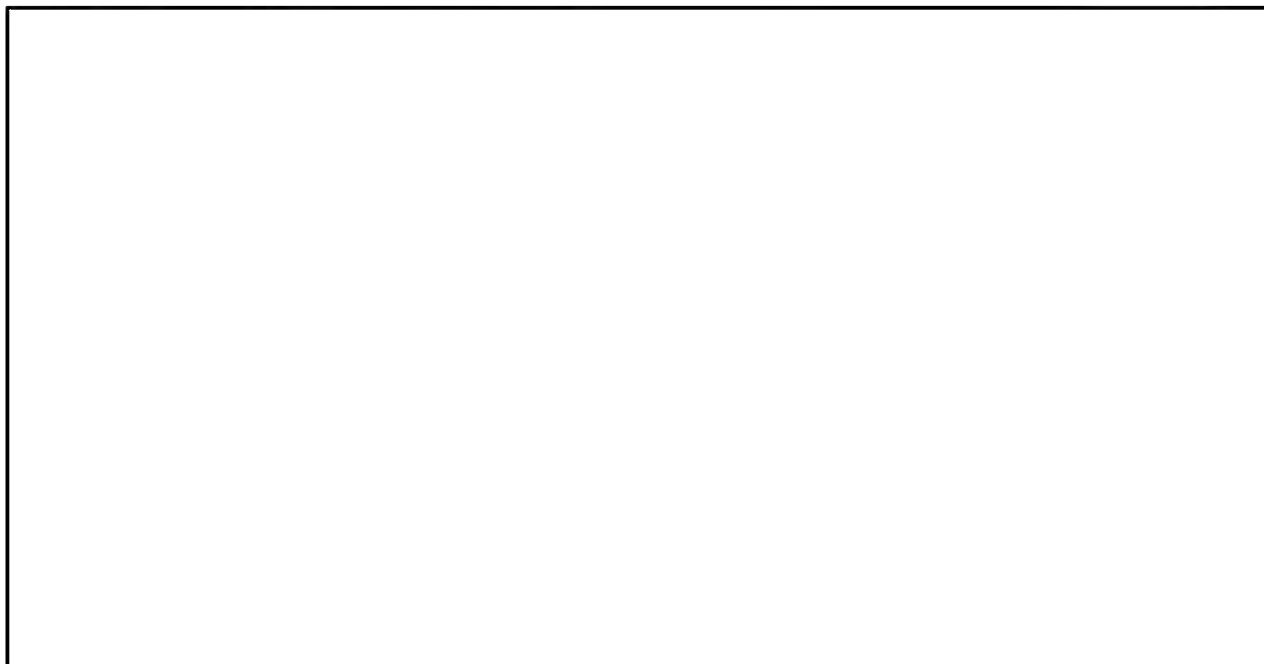
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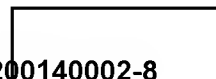


CHINA: Scientific Satellite

China intends to launch its first scientific satellite this year, according to a Chinese space official who recently visited the US. The planned 250-kilogram satellite is to be placed in a low orbit to study solar and terrestrial radiation and the atmosphere. Two satellites launched by China in 1970 and 1971 were probably too rudimentary to perform significant scientific functions. The six Chinese satellites launched since then have all been developmental military reconnaissance vehicles.



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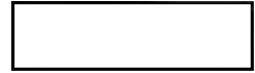
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Greece-US

The US Embassy in Athens reported yesterday that Prime Minister Karamanlis has approved the first call in some five years by an aircraft carrier to Piraeus, Athens' port. The US carrier Eisenhower is to arrive on 10 April for a six-day visit.



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Grenada

Representatives of the Caribbean Common Market states who met in Barbados to discuss the implications of this week's coup in Grenada issued a statement early yesterday declaring that there should be no outside interference in Grenadian affairs, noting new Grenadian leader Bishop's pledge of free elections and offering help if required.

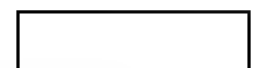


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COMMENT: The communique was an apparent compromise between the smaller islands that are most fearful of the precedent set by this development and Jamaica and Guyana, whose governments are more supportive of the new, Marxist-oriented government.



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